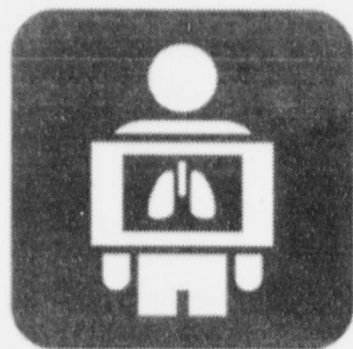


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Poly professors frustrated with furloughs

Nikol Schiller

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CSU BUDGET BY THE NUMBERS

Chancellor wants to cut 40,000 students by next year.

Salaries comprise 85 percent of total CSU budget.

Deferred pay raises and furloughs combine for a 25 percent pay reduction for faculty

CSU Board of Trustees expected to approve a budget calling for an additional \$884 million tomorrow

Taped to associate professor Tom Bensky's office door is a spoof on Cal Poly's "25-35 hours/week/unit" sign. It reads: "furloughs/lost pay, 76-192 dollars/week." Bensky's sign refers to the amount of money faculty and staff are losing because of the furlough program requiring them to take unpaid days off work. Frustration with the furlough program is not uncommon among faculty and staff at Cal Poly. Disappointment in California State University, Chancellor Reed resonates throughout the California Faculty Association (CFA).

With a budget cut of \$564 million to the CSU system, Reed proposed this summer to reduce the salaries of nearly all CSU employees by 10 percent since salaries make up 85 percent of the total budget. In addition to these mandatory furlough days, 40,000 fewer students are being accepted into the CSU system.

Bensky said he was let down by Reed's proposals to decrease the deficit.

"I was disappointed in the chancellor because I didn't see any creative solutions from his office,"

he said.

He isn't the only one unsure about the chancellor's actions. Faculty who are members of the CFA voted on Reed's actions; 79 percent said they had no confidence in how Reed is handling the budget crisis.

Around 8,800 CFA members voted on Reed's furlough proposal. Fifty-four percent voted in favor and 46 percent voted against. The CFA and the CSU came to an agreement at the end of August to implement mandatory furlough days for faculty and staff instead of laying off university employees.

Though furloughs are saving jobs, the days of unpaid leave will affect some faculty and staff more than others. CFA President professor Rich Saenz believes that junior faculty members on the tenure track are taking a greater pay cut than any other faculty members because they were counting on pay raises they did not receive.

"Essentially, they're living with a 25 percent pay cut," Saenz said.

CFA Associate Vice President Elizabeth Hoffman agreed that the junior faculty are taking a harsher pay cut because they have also been without a pay raise for two years. Some of these younger faculty members factored in those

pay raises when buying a home or a car or starting a family.

The 10 percent reduction in pay has resulted in faculty members signing an agreement that they would essentially work 10 percent less. Bensky said he still grades papers and does work on his furlough days to keep up.

The furlough program ends June 30, but Saenz thinks that furloughs will probably be implemented again next year unless a new program is created to help decrease the deficit. Bensky, on the other hand, said that he would be surprised if furloughs passed again because of the problems furloughs have caused. He said it seems like no one is sure of what to expect for next year regarding furloughs.

"I think we're in for a roller-coaster summer," he said.

Another program begun this year is cutting student enrollment numbers to save the CSU system money. Over the next two years the CSUs will be letting in 40,000 fewer students than previous years, Reed said.

High school seniors and transfer students are applying for early decision since the CSUs will close their application acceptance period after Nov. 30. Already this year

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Program needs volunteers

Amber Diller

SPECIAL TO THE MUSTANG DAILY

Five weeks before Alternative Breaks sets out to New Orleans and the United Arab Emirates for its next missions, there are several volunteer spaces that have not been filled.

Although the original deadline to turn in applications was Nov. 9, program coordinator Jody Weseman decided to extend it.

"It's really important to have enough volunteers on each trip, because the costs can be overwhelming. Since we don't have enough volunteers yet, the deadline for applications is now Nov. 20," Weseman said.

Alternative Breaks is a group that started on campus a few years ago, and sets out to allow students to volunteer both domestically and internationally between quarters.

All trips provide students with the opportunity to address humanitarian issues such as "tutoring disadvantaged children, animal rescue, homeless shelter support, food bank support, disaster relief, and habitat restoration," according to the program brochure.

"We are always looking for volunteers: anyone interested in graphic arts to help with logos and T-shirts, students willing to help us with fundraising and advertising, and volunteers wishing to become site leaders," Weseman said.

Any student at Cal Poly or Cuesta College is eligible to participate in Alternative Breaks. With the deadline for applications pushed back, Weseman hopes that more students will have the opportunity to broaden their horizons.

There will be more chances to volunteer with the group between winter and spring quarter in New York City and again before the fall 2010 quarter begins in Oaxaca, Mexico.

More information can be found at www.studentlife.calpoly.edu/communitycenter/Alt-Breaks.asp or with Jody Weseman at cpalternativebreaks@gmail.com and by phone (805) 756-5388.

Author and activist talks to Poly students

Speaker addresses problems in all levels of education system

Will Taylor

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Nationally-renowned education activist, author and teacher Jonathan Kozol spoke to a crowded room in the Performing Arts Center Tuesday morning as part of Cal Poly's Provocative Perspective series. Kozol, best known for his books, "Savage Inequality: Children in America's Schools," and more recently "The Shame of the Nation: The Restoration of Apartheid Schooling in America," spoke for over an hour about the need for reform, awareness and governmental help specifically for Latino and black inner-city public schools and his life battling for equality in education.

"I'm 73 years old and I'm too old to bite my tongue," he said. "No matter what they long-term

price I may be forced to pay, I intend to keep on fighting in this struggle to my dying day."

Kozol spoke in a slow cadence, his deep baritone often pausing for comedic and dramatic effect. His tone shifted from humorous to serious and back again and the audience followed him, laughing, sighing and applauding. He spoke in essay form, going from an example to a point and then moving on to the next, often building to an emotional crescendo. Twice Kozol choked up, paused and moved on.

The Provocative Perspectives series has been at Cal Poly for seven years and brings experts to speak on controversial topics, said Cornell Morton, Cal Poly vice president for academic affairs.

"The purpose of the series is to bring people to campus to talk about diversity, who talk about stu-

dent success and what we call intellectual freedom," Morton said.

The topic of educational inequality is important nationwide, but especially in California where education, budget and racial diversity are massive topics, Morton said. The talk coincided with the first day of International Education Week, which aims to "celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide," according to Cal Poly's Web site.

Patricia Ponce, who works in Academic Programs and once led the PREFACE program, said that strong voices are what we need at this time in the American education system.

"He's very bold in saying what he sees. We need those voices," Ponce said. "He's very powerful in conveying those messages because he is a white person. I think many

"I'm 73 years old and I'm too old to bite my tongue."

—Jonathan Kozol

Author and activist

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the CSUs have received more than 266,000 applications, which is 52 percent higher than the number of applications they received at this time last year.

"Denying students admission and access to the CSUs is one of the worse things that can be done during the recession when students want to go to school but we cannot educate the same amount of students with half a billion dollars less," Reed said in a teleconference call with a CSU newspapers.

The goal for the CSU this year was to decrease enrollment by a total of 10,000 students. Already this fall, 4,000 fewer students were admitted to the CSU system and an anticipated 6,000 fewer students will be admitted in the spring.

Hoffman said that the reduction in the number of students to be admitted is disappointing.

"It's heartbreaking in the short run, but it's heartbreaking in the long run for California," Hoffman said.

Journalism sophomore Kelly Whelan thinks the reduction is both beneficial to students already at Cal Poly but unfair to students who want to attend college. She said that Cal Poly should focus on the students already enrolled and keep class sizes down. It is unfortunate that students are being denied admission when they are eligible for the university, she added.

"It seems really unfair for students who want to go to college. Especially during these economic times," Whelan said.

The uncertainty of the furlough program is keeping Bensky and all faculty and staff waiting for a sign of development with the budget from the Chancellor's Office.

Kozol

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factions that speak his words or message that do not get heard."

"The time has come. We need a revolution. Again," she said.

Kozol stressed the importance and indispensability of teachers and administrators throughout his speech. Kozol started his career as a teacher in the Boston inner-city schools because of his desire to assist in the civil rights movement after graduating from Harvard and dropping out of the Rhodes Scholar program at Oxford, which he found "boring."

He was urged to teach by a representative of Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1963. The meeting was the first time in Kozol's 26 years that he had been to the Roxbury, then one of the black neighborhoods of Boston.

"Teachers are my heroes, especially I will confess, the ones who are with little children in the elementary grades," Kozol said. "I just think they do the best thing there is to do in life: bring joy, beauty mystery and mischief to the hearts of little pint-sized people."

Kozol's preference for teachers of the elementary grades is based on his research of inner-city schools. Many black and Latino students start to decline into a life predetermined for them by white upper and middle-class politicians, Kozol said. Research has shown that students who are

not exposed to the idea of college and higher education early will not consider it when it is brought up in junior high or high school, he said.

Kozol cited being raised in a privileged family and community as advantageous to his studies. From that experience, he knows how the "privileged" system works. In privileged educations, students are taught to ask penetrating and pervasive questions. Kozol said this upbringing has helped him immensely in his work on educational inequality.

"I know rich people, I grew up in privilege, although I've spent most of my life among people with no privilege," he said. "I've seen both sides so you can't fool me."

Kozol's controversial stances on programs like No Child Left Behind and standardized testing have left him as a target for criticism. He said that he is not opposed to testing and accountability but is opposed to "authoritative techniques that rob the children of the poor of the absolutely crucial ability to interrogate reality, to ask perceptive questions and to develop critical capacities."

Some of the criticism stings and causes him personal pain, he said. He mentioned television talk show hosts who "wield words like knives with surgical precision" and friends he has lost because of his position.

"It hurts a lot and I'm not a tough guy and I didn't grow up to be prepared for this," Kozol said.

He said his efforts do not go without appreciation though, and that is his payoff. Many students, teachers, politicians and parents have shown their gratitude in various ways; late Senator Ted Kennedy came to his assistance when Kozol was fired from the Boston school district for teaching a Langston Hughes poem to his fourth grade class. A church sent one of his early students to college in Rhode Island, along with her family. He also was asked and accepted to walk alongside Martin Luther King, Jr. at a rally in the Boston Commons.

His impact has reached students, staff and faculty at Cal Poly.

"I got my single subject teaching credential in the seventies," said Bonnie Konapak, professor and dean of the College of Education, while introducing Kozol. "While I can't remember all the textbooks I had at that time, I can tell you I remember Death at an Early Age (Kozol's book). It made such an impact on me."

Konapak said the book helped guide her through a tough time teaching in inner-city Los Angeles.

Students attending the speech got a strong sense of Kozol's experience.

"He's seen it all first hand and knows a lot more than the average person," said Colton Gow, agricultural business senior. "He's trying to bring the issue to the public eye so that's a great thing. It's something that needs to be discussed."



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SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (MCT) — Cuesta College President David Pelham has resigned, telling board members and college staff in an e-mail Monday evening that he is "not the best person to lead Cuesta College."

He told Cuesta College Board of Trustees President Pat Mullen of his decision Sunday night.

Pelham will leave at the end of December. His tenure, which began March 3, 2008, will be the shortest of any of the five presidents in the college's 45-year history.

Pelham has taken a job directing a college in Abu Dhabi, a city in the United Arab Emirates along the Persian Gulf, officials confirmed Monday. Pelham did not reveal the name of the college.

Before Pelham leaves, an interim person will likely be appointed to fill the post, Mullen said.

SACRAMENTO (MCT) — California Attorney General Jerry Brown has sent a letter to six major retailers, warning them that a number of children's products on their store shelves contain "illegal levels of lead" and to pull the products immediately.

"Private testing uncovered a number of products designed for children that contain dangerous and illegal levels of lead," Brown said. "These products must be removed from store shelves at once to protect our kids from toxic lead exposure."

Brown's letter was sent out last week.

According to California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, any children's product that contains more than 300 parts per million (ppm) of lead is considered a hazardous substance and illegal to sell in the state.

National

WASHINGTON (MCT) — Democrat John Edwards tried to cut a secret deal with Barack Obama and perhaps Hillary Clinton during last year's presidential primaries, offering his endorsement in exchange for the vice presidential nomination, according to a new book by Obama's campaign manager.

Edwards' camp made the offer shortly before the South Carolina primary, when Obama and Clinton had split early contests and Edwards apparently believed he had "maximum leverage" to help deliver Southern white votes to whoever would give him the No. 2 spot on the ticket, according to David Plouffe in his book, "The Audacity to Win."

Plouffe said that Obama ruled out any deals. Obama went on to win the South Carolina primary anyway and got Edwards' endorsement in May 2008.

SEATTLE (MCT) — Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen was diagnosed earlier this month with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a form of cancer similar to the one that led to his early retirement from the software company in 1983.

"This is tough news for Paul and the family," his sister, Jody Allen, said in an e-mail Monday, disclosing the illness to employees of Vulcan, Allen's holding company. "But for those who know Paul's story, you know he beat Hodgkin's (lymphoma) a little more than 25 years ago, and he is optimistic he can beat this."

The son of a University of Washington librarian became one of the richest people in the world after he and childhood pal Bill Gates started Microsoft in 1975.

International

SAN'A, Yemen (MCT) — A Japanese technician and his Yemeni driver were abducted Sunday by a tribal group in Yemen, according to the Japanese Embassy in Yemen.

The two were abducted in Arhab, a city close to the nation's capital, San'a. They are said to be in good physical condition, and the Yemeni government has begun negotiations with the group for their release, the embassy said.

According to a Japanese government source, the 63-year-old technician works for an architectural design office in Tokyo.

The man and the driver were abducted Sunday afternoon while on their way to a school construction site located northeast of the capital.

Later in the day, the embassy received a phone call from the man saying he had been abducted. The embassy is able to contact the man via cell phone, the embassy said.

There has been no ransom demand. However, according to Agence France Presse, local sources told the news agency the tribal group is demanding that the Yemeni government release a member of the tribe who has been detained for four years without trial.

KABUL (MCT) — On the eve of Afghan President Hamid Karzai's swearing-in for a second term, speculation is growing that he could be forced to step aside before he finishes his next five years in office.

The challenges before him are monumental: Regain the trust of voters disenchanted by the fraudulent election that returned him to power; assure frustrated world leaders that the billions of dollars spent trying to stabilize Afghanistan haven't been wasted or stolen; and, with the help of U.S. and NATO forces, recover control of large parts of the country from Taliban fighters.

Obama wins no concessions from China on key issues

Margaret Talev

MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

BEIJING — President Barack Obama on Wednesday wraps up a three-day visit to China that has left him keenly aware of the limits of his administration's leverage over the economic powerhouse on issues from currency exchange rates to human rights.

Obama has little leverage over China, in part because the U.S. depends on the Chinese to finance the U.S. government's growing debt, and because of the perception in China, which for years was an economic nonentity, that the U.S. is troubled and China is ascendant.

Administration officials said that the China stop, part of a four-nation Asia tour that will conclude Thursday in South Korea, was a success because it laid the groundwork for a more focused U.S.-China alliance to tackle everything from global warming to nuclear weapons containment.

China gave no evident ground on the points at issue, however.

"The meetings and the focus from a substance standpoint really have been aimed at coordinating like never before on the key global issues that together are headline issues for the United States," said Jon Huntsman, the U.S. ambassador to China.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said: "I did not expect, and I can speak authoritatively for the president on this, that we thought the waters would part and everything would change."

Obama summed it up this way in a joint appearance Tuesday with President Hu Jintao: "The relationship between our two nations goes far beyond any single issue."

Hu and Obama announced potentially significant new agreements on advancing clean energy and scientific research. Both committed to work toward global warming initiatives and reiterated a mutual desire to contain the nuclear ambitions of North Korea and Iran.

In two areas in which the United

States wants to shift China's positions — valuation of the Chinese currency and the Chinese government's censorship practices and human rights abuses — no advances were announced, however.

The U.S. is the world's largest economy; China's the world's most populous nation, with the third largest gross domestic product. China has helped keep the American economy afloat through the recession. Its huge trade surplus with the United States — and the \$800 billion worth of American government debt that it holds — is economically unsustainable and leaves the U.S. dependent on Beijing's financial favor, however.

Obama has called for China to stop undervaluing its currency and adopt a more market-based standard as one way to begin reducing the trade imbalance.

"I emphasized in our discussions, and have others in the region, that doing so based on economic fundamentals would make an essential contribution to the global rebalancing effort," Obama said.

Hu didn't mention currency policy in his public statement. Instead, he jabbed the U.S. for trade policies that he said held China back.

"I stressed to President Obama that under the current circumstances, our two countries need to oppose and reject protectionism in all its manifestations in an even stronger stand."

Obama also said he had reiterated in private to Hu that there are certain "universal" human rights that should be available to all people, including a nation's ethnic and religious minorities.

Standing side by side with Hu, Obama mentioned Tibet, saying that while the U.S. recognizes it as part of China, the Chinese government should resume talks with representatives of the Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of the government in exile.

Hu remained expressionless throughout Obama's remarks.

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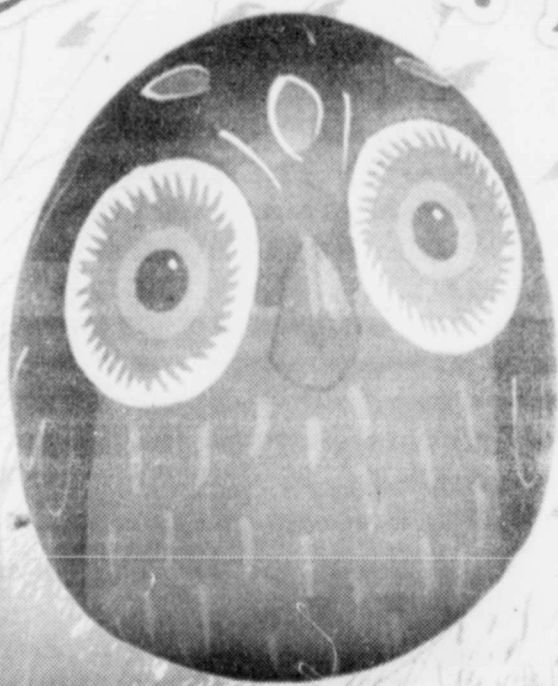
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-Brooke Hamilton, earth sciences senior

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-Bridget Loper, English senior



"I would like to see a look at the budget and see a breakdown of all money and where it is going. Fees are going up but they are crying they don't have enough money."

-Justin Hansen, social sciences senior



"I would be interested in advising tips and knowing what to register for especially as a freshman."

-Cassie Becking, liberal studies junior



"I'd like to see a club spotlight in terms of any type of club. (An article on) how to start a club."

-David Van Muyden, civil engineering junior



"It would be nice to actually see where money goes to. We know our tuition is going somewhere. It would be nice to know exactly where."

-Johnny Conner, kinesiology junior



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China

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Other aspects of Obama's visit also were sobering. Even as he arrived Sunday night, human rights organizations reported that the Chinese government was rounding up and arresting dissidents to ensure that they couldn't reach out to the U.S.

The following day, Hu allowed

Obama's town-hall meeting, the first such event for a Western leader in China, to air on local television in Shanghai — but not nationally.

Hu didn't agree to any news conferences at which reporters could ask questions. Chinese authorities even detained a Beijing-based reporter for CNN for displaying an "Oba-Mao" T-shirt that depicted Obama dressed as the late communist founder of the People's Republic of China.

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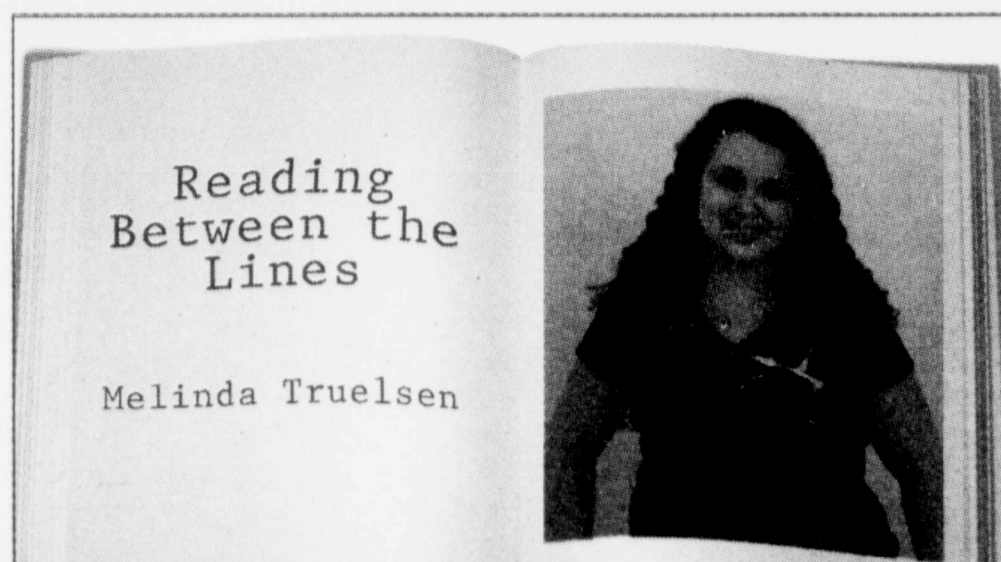
Memoir tells of author's unorthodox childhood

Do you find yourself complaining about midterms? Don't want to write those final papers? Try putting yourself in someone else's shoes. Imagine life outside of your college education. Many people would be happy to complain about taking finals, yet we take them for granted. Now I'm sure that this isn't the case for all of us, but sometimes we need to add a little perspective to make us appreciate exactly what we do have.

One person whose story certainly adds some perspective to my life is author Jeannette Walls. She grew up without many of the comforts most of us take for granted every day. Although she was able to get herself out of a hard and heart-rending life, she had to go through a lot to do so. Instead of complaining about what she didn't have or what she had to do, she found a way to transform her circumstances and inspire others along the way.

The opening scene of her memoir "The Glass Castle" depicts Walls riding in a taxi in downtown New York City, on her way to a party, when she sees a homeless woman digging through a trash can on the side of the street — her mother.

How did she end up digging through a trash can? And why doesn't her daughter stop to do anything about it? The answers to these questions aren't the ones you may expect, but through a deeply moving narrative, Jeannette Walls explains how her family came to exist in this split-up state, and why it continues to be this way.



Rex and Rose Mary Walls, Jeannette's parents, were very eccentric people, which had much to do with influencing this scene of events. Though they loved their children greatly, they were often distracted by their outlook on life from providing what was best for them. Despite the many hardships Walls overcame, many caused by her parents, she does not sound at all like she is simpering about her situation and how they hurt her; rather, she speaks of them with great affection and respect.

Walls was raised, along with three siblings, in a very nomadic fashion for most of her young life — her parents moved the family from place to place quite frequently. While this may not sound overly strange, the odd thing about it is that her parents didn't always have an actual place for them to move to, they often lived in a hotel or out of their car.

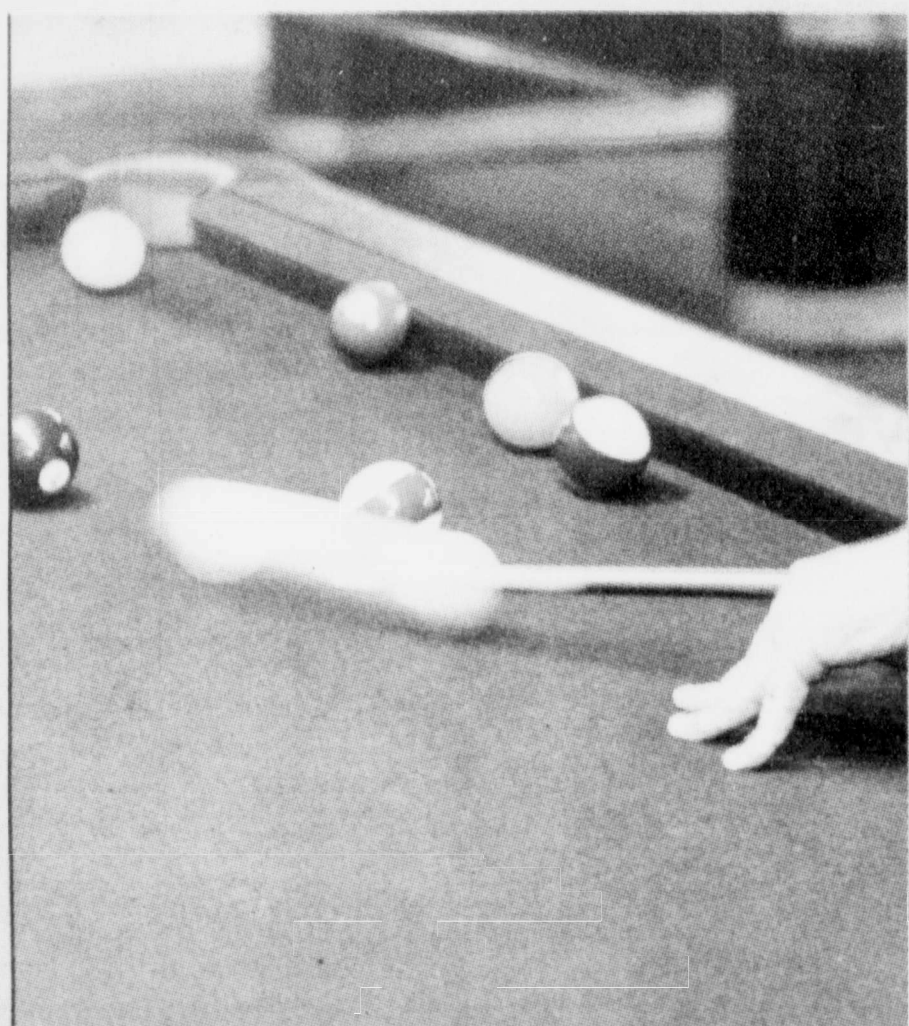
Often distracted by a high-flown fantasy world, Rex Walls frequently brought his children into a world of make-believe to escape real life problems like rent or proper meals. Rose Mary Walls was often more concerned with creating a piece of art than a meal for her family, which often led to the children fending for

themselves rather than being taken care of.

Although these attitudes may seem like neglect, Walls does not condemn her parents for making poor choices while raising her and her siblings. Rather, she speaks about her parents with great respect and love for the good things that they were able to pass on while raising them. She reinterprets their behavior in much more positive ways. Rather than seeing her father escaping reality, she praises him for giving her a sense of imagination and hope that there might be magic in the world. Instead of blaming her mother for not providing food for her and her siblings, she appreciates the importance of the art that her mother put so much into creating.

Through an incredible series of events Walls tells her life stories and explains how she overcame extraordinary circumstances to be where she is today: a successful author who has used her talents with words to come to understand her difficult childhood.

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Art students submit designs for hospital symbols contest

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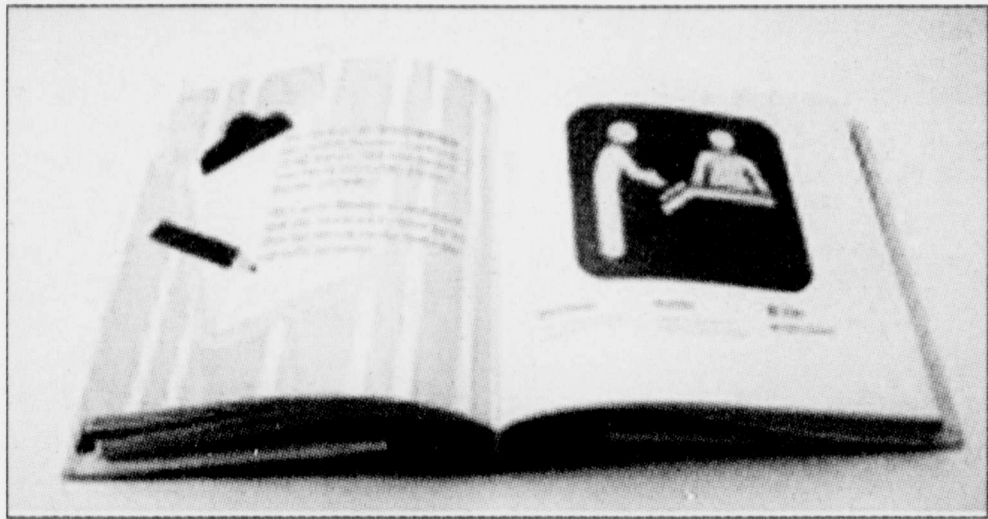
Seventeen Cal Poly students are currently waiting to see if the designs they created in conjunction with Hablamos Juntos last quarter will grace the hallways and directories of hospitals nationwide.

Hablamos Juntos, Spanish for "We Speak Together," is a program sponsored by Fresno Center for Medical Education and Research at the University of California, San Francisco dedicated to bridging the language gap steadily growing in the United States, especially in health care.

The organization believes that hospital-affiliated symbols should be free of any sort of language dependency, which is why no foreign language fluency was needed to design the symbols or to interpret their meaning.

"Symbols are visual images that represent a reference, a word or a real world object, place or concept," according to the program's Web site.

The purpose of the project is to design a set of symbols that can be universally recognized and reach speakers of all languages. Hablamos Juntos designed 28 original symbols in 2006 — illustrating common places around hospitals such as the chapel, surgery wing and waiting room, and are looking for another 15



Art and design senior Sara Hamling created a children's book containing various symbols that could be used in hospitals.

symbols from college design students.

This is where Cal Poly art and design assistant professor Katherine McCormick entered the scene. She and a previous design class helped Hablamos Juntos with the design of the original 28 symbols, and she believed her students were ready to take on more. She sent a detailed application to the program, fighting to become one of three universities chosen to design more symbols based on the originals.

Graduate student programs from the University of Cincinnati and Iowa State were chosen, along with the undergraduate program from Cal Poly.

McCormick's students spent the past spring quarter dedicated to the project to create

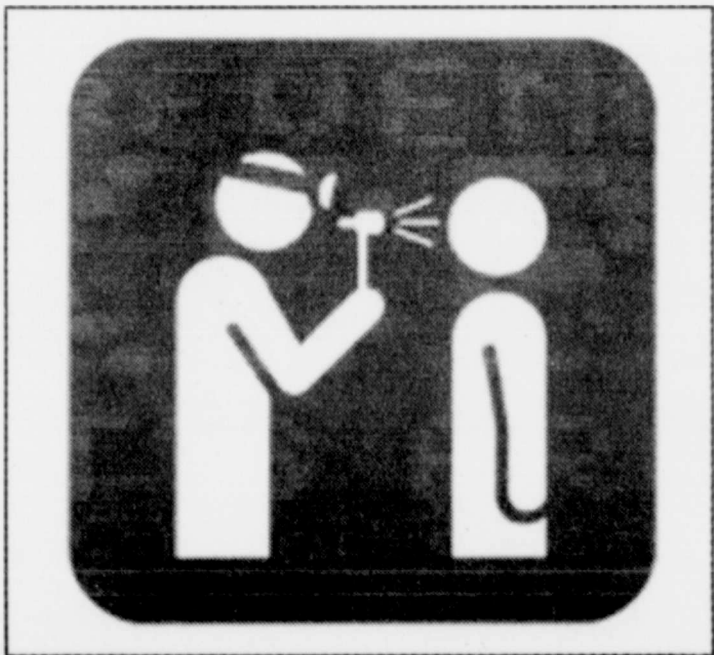
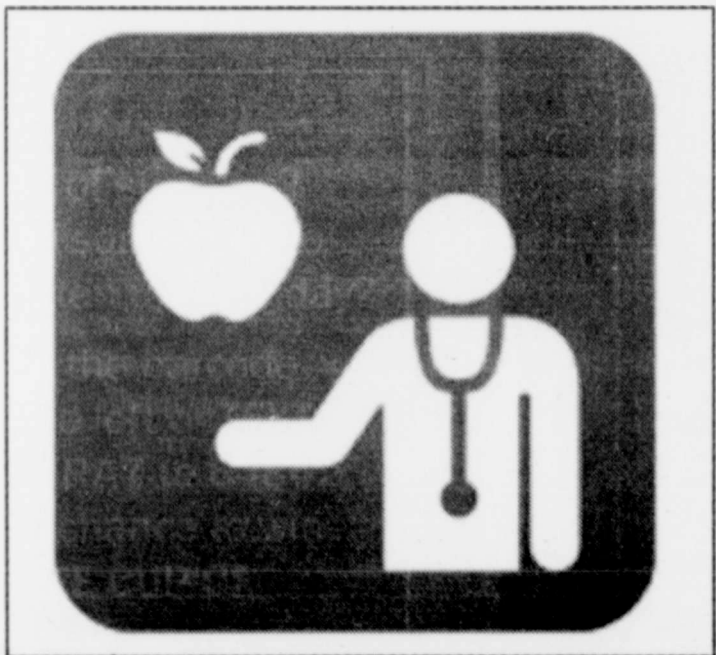
symbols that meshed with what Hablamos Juntos had already created.

"The new symbols had to fit into the old design language," McCormick said.

By meshing both design languages and actual languages, the students collaborated on 12 new symbols, including designs for ophthalmology, nutrition and respiratory services. Each student was given individual assignments that were then assessed by the class, who, as a whole, decided what worked.

Multiple designs, some for the same symbol, were sent to Hablamos Juntos in late September. Testing for each of the 15 categories, including the 12 that Cal

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These symbols, representing "Nutrition" (left) and "Ophthalmology," are among the selected designs submitted to the contest. Cal Poly will be competing with two other universities.

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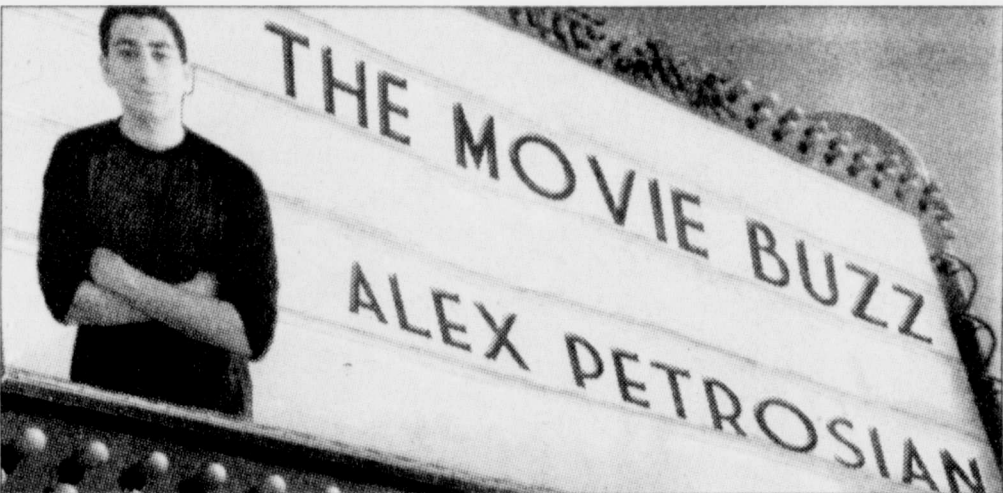
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movie column Clooney is just ridiculous enough in "Goats"



The Men Who Stare At Goats [2009]
★★★★★
Director: Grant Heslov
Starring: George Clooney, Ewan McGregor, Jeff Bridges, Kevin Spacey, Stephen Root, Stephen Lang

"Good Night, and Good Luck" director and Academy Award-winning actor George Clooney teams up once again with screenwriter Grant Heslov for Heslov's feature film directing debut, "The Men Who Stare at Goats." A comedic spoof on a U.S. Army research program dealing with a psychic phenomena in which soldiers are trained to kill goats simply by staring at them, this film succeeds not only in making the you laugh, but also makes you question your own gullibility.

Is it really based on a true story? Well, according to the opening credits, "More of (it) is true than you would believe."

The movie begins with an in-

roduction from Ann Arbor to newspaper columnist Bob Wilton, portrayed by Ewan McGregor ("Star Wars" Episodes I-III). Viewers follow Wilton as he interviews an oddball who informs him that he was a member of the NEA, or New Earth Army, a top-secret team of paranormals who were being trained to use their minds as weapons. According to the source, their powers included spying from incredibly long distances and the use of a lethal stare.

While skeptical, Wilton is curious to see where his new story might take him and begins searching for answers. He eventually finds his way to Kuwait, hoping to ven-

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Poly students submitted, is now in progress. Testing will rely on surveys of both health care workers and designers to get feedback before making a decision about which symbols are chosen. Results should be known soon after testing wraps up in December.

Now that the symbols are in the process of being tested, are the students simply holding their breath, waiting for response? No way.

While the other two universities have dedicated their fall quarters to "research method" classes concerning the symbols, Cal Poly has been working on a project that would allow a hospital visitor to become familiar with the designs.

One student created a series of posters that explain each symbol, while another made flash cards that could be placed in the waiting room and another designed a directory that would feature each design in multiple languages.

Art and design senior Sarah Hamling stirred laughter from the group when, during her presentation of her children's book illustrating the symbols, she realized her yellow shirt perfectly matched the cover.

"Watch out," McCormick said. "When you're working on a project you will subconsciously start to dress in the color pal-

ette."

This sense of immersion seems to affect every student in the class; the dedication came forth first in the designs and now in the application.

"I wanted to show the symbols in a very simplistic way. That way, the reader can learn about them but have it be interactive as well," art and design senior Adam Wirdak said of his project.

While Hablamos did not petition the class to create these projects, McCormick came up with the idea as another way to present the symbols to the program while simultaneously allowing students to create another professional piece of work to add to their portfolios.

"I think it's good for Hablamos to see their options. From what I know of dealing with them before, they will be really excited to see these," she said.

McCormick and her students are now partnering with the local French Hospital to work both the symbols and the application projects into their facilities, which would be step one in Hablamos's mission.

The unique design team at Cal Poly has not only taken on an influential project, but also finished it. They have also begun to implement it locally.

"Eventually, every hospital and health facility in the nation will adopt these symbols," McCormick said. "It is great to be able to be part of the solution of something in such a large context."

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ture into hostile regions. To both his and the audience's delight, he runs into Lyn Cassidy, played hilariously by Clooney. Cassidy was referred to Wilton as a "legend" by his first source and is said to be the best of the New Earth trainees.

After a few questions, Wilton learns about a doped out Vietnam Vet named Bill Django, played by seasoned actor Jeff Bridges ("Iron Man," "The Big Lebowski"), who delivers one of the film's most enjoyable performances. Django has convinced the military that his idea of "psychic soldiers" will prove to be effective in the long run. Fans of the Coen brothers' cult hit "The Big Lebowski" will probably find

his portrayal the most pleasing, since Bridges plays Django in almost the same way he played the Dude.

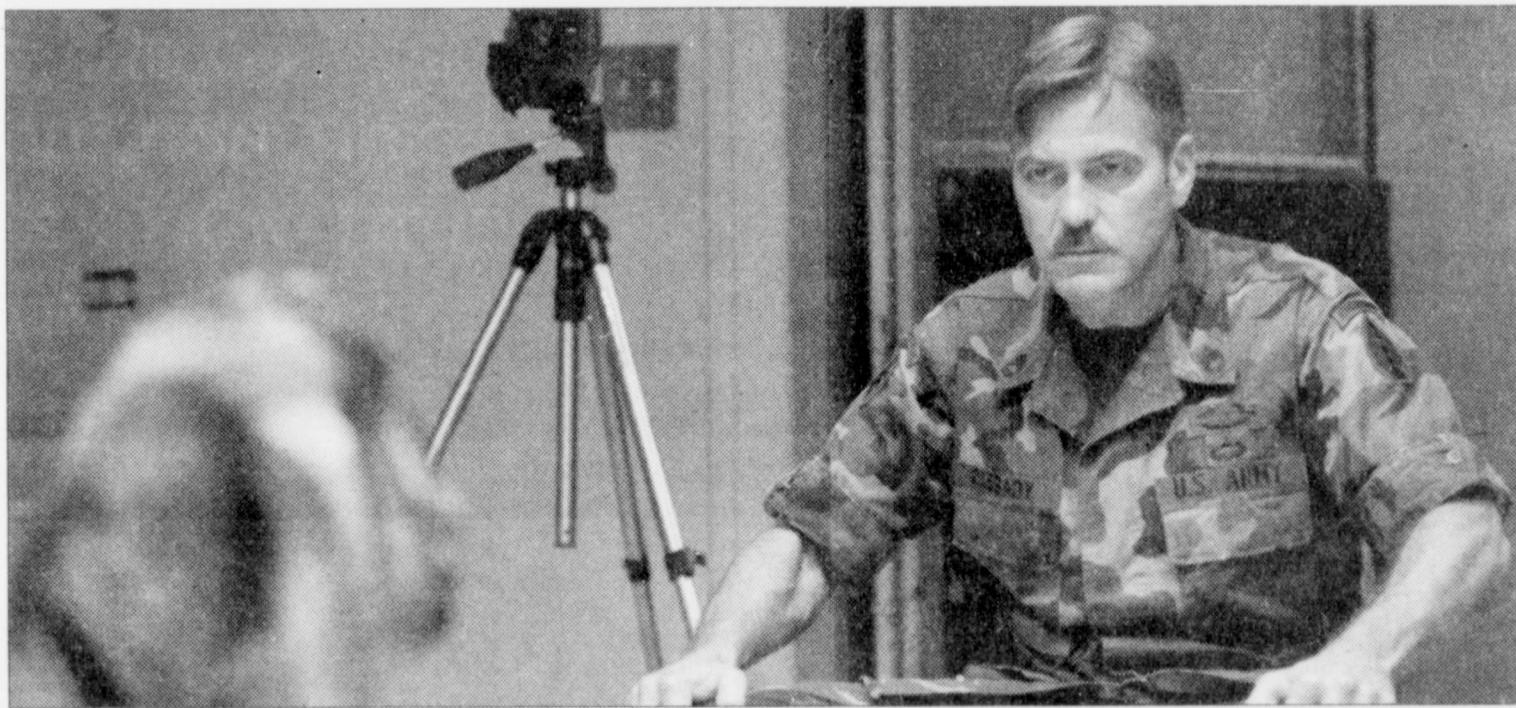
The movie moves back and forth inside a 20-year window, during the beginning of which we see Cassidy's entertaining training under Django to become, as he explains, a Jedi Warrior. One of the plot's most satisfying points is realized when Cassidy and Wilton foolishly journey into an Iraqi war zone, where Cassidy attempts to deal with the hostility they encounter by using his paranormal training.

Clooney is in top form as Cassidy, and his performance surprisingly isn't over the top or excessively silly, a trap which would have been easy to fall into. Kevin Spacey, who has recently been missing

from the big screen as a result of obligations to the British theatre scene, returns in a good role as the skeptical Larry Hooper, who hates everything about the NEA. The film is also complimented by a skillful ensemble cast that includes Stephen Root ("Office Space") and veteran Stephen Lang ("Public Enemies," "Avatar").

The movie is based on the 2004 novel by Jon Ronson of the "Guardian," who labels the NEA as an authentic program that has unfortunately not been exposed to the American public. In my opinion, it doesn't matter if the book is factual or not, because the film is funny enough either way.

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George Clooney plays Lyn Cassidy, one of the members of a controversial division of the Army whose soldiers were trained to kill goats by staring at them. The movie was released Nov. 6.

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The cycle of liberty always comes back around eventually

President Obama's deep bow to Japanese Emperor Akihito this week went further than a simple sign of respect. The near-90 degree tilt taken by our chief of state symbolizes a subservient American-Japanese relationship. Though I would not go so far as to call this treason-

ous, as some bloggers have, I would say that a greeting representational of an equal relationship between America and Japan would be much more appropriate. However, this deep bow could have been accurately directed at Hu Jintao, China's head of state.

The Wall Street Journal reports that Obama's endeavors in China have been less than successful due to a strong arm from the Chinese government, which is tightly restricting the president's plans. This overbearing position taken by the Chinese government should be expected. Shi Yinrong, a professor at People's University in Beijing summed up the issue well when she said, "The U.S. is not able to force its agenda on China anymore." Debt has undermined our position of power. Hari Sreenivasan of CBS News reports that the U.S. owes China about \$800 billion dollars, and Stephen Green, head of research at Standard Chartered Bank in Shanghai, stated on NPR in 2008 that this number was probably closer to \$1.3



First Things First

Nathan Tsoi

trillion. Either way, China has one of the largest stakes in the U.S. debt.

The U.S. has become subject to a communist country that has little respect for basic human rights, children and women. Consumerism has driven governmental and personal spending out of control. This, in turn, has led to the loss of international influence, which was once used to better the condition of humanity. America has become a nation complacent, if not downright submissive or dependent, in the world stage, as seen in the case of our president's bow.

Alexander Fraser Tytler, a noted historian, postulated the nature of government as the tyranny-liberty cycle. This cycle describes government in five sequential stages that repeat over an approximately 200-year era: liberty, complacency, dependence, tyranny and revolution.

It appears from recent events in China and the general climate of American politics, including the current social policies of the left, that we exist between the stages of complac-

ency and dependence. By the nature of our government, individuals who make different incomes are not treated equally. Individuals in higher tax brackets, and subsequently under greater government control, tend to believe we

are further along in the cycle. These individuals say we are drifting into the realm of tyranny. Whether we are in a stage of dependence or nearing tyranny, this nation is far beyond the stage of liberty.

I'm not advocating a revolt and I oppose tyranny. If Tytler is right, however, the only path to a return to freedom is by way of the dark side of liberty, through tyranny and revolution. The key to successful government in the tyranny-liberty cycle is to move quickly through the painful stages and prolong the good stages. Since we have moved beyond the stage of liberty, it is crucial that we move quickly through the remaining stages to bring us back to freedom. At this point, I am a progressive in the most literal sense. Let tyranny come to the masses. Let revolution pass. For, in the end, liberty shall return.

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Nothing makes me feel more helpless knowing that if a situation were to ever turn violent, that I will be unable to protect myself and the people I love because some bureaucrat thought it would be a good idea.

—Kevin

In response to "Right to bear arms can provide protection"

Seriously, President Baker how greedy can you be? All students are barely getting enough classes and constantly getting courses cut, all while you sit on a hefty annual income. Excellent professors are being laid off and courses are diminishing while tuition is increasing exponentially. Why don't you grow a conscience and help out your community instead of continue to oppress those who are suffering from this budget crisis?

—Katheryn

In response to "Bill would give CSU \$600 billion"

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Bad neighbors do more than just make noise

A few weeks ago, I began to get ready for bed in my Poly Canyon Village apartment Thursday. That's when I heard a lot of moaning and banging coming from outside my open window. My next-door neighbor was having particularly loud sex. It took even less time to close my window and turn up my television so I didn't have to hear it, but her bed was still banging against our shared wall. I spent an hour with my iPod turned up just to make sure I wouldn't have to hear any more lovemaking.

This wasn't the first time I've dealt with bad neighbors or roommates.

Now, there's nothing wrong with enjoying yourself in your own home, whether it be with sex, partying or loud music. But it's clearly a problem when San Luis Obispo authorities continue to increase fines and place further restrictions on noise violators, and I still hear stories about bad roommates or neighbors. The San Luis Obispo Police Department already thinks we have a "lack of neighborly responsibility" according to a recent Mustang Daily article, "City council delays decision on party policies." Whatever the community is going to do to combat the large number of noise violations committed by Cal Poly students needs to be pretty serious.

I'm not really looking to tell

anyone to stop partying, and I know no one really wants to be the person who ruins a good time, but there has to be some way to stop bothering those we live around without creating tension.

For party-goers looking to avoid expensive noise violations, do your best to keep the noise confined. If you're playing beer pong, why not play in the kitchen instead of outside or in the garage where you can easily be heard? If I had a backyard right now, I would keep my guests inside, a tactic that I've seen used during Mardi Gras to avoid the swarm of cops that local law enforcement still insists on sending out each year.

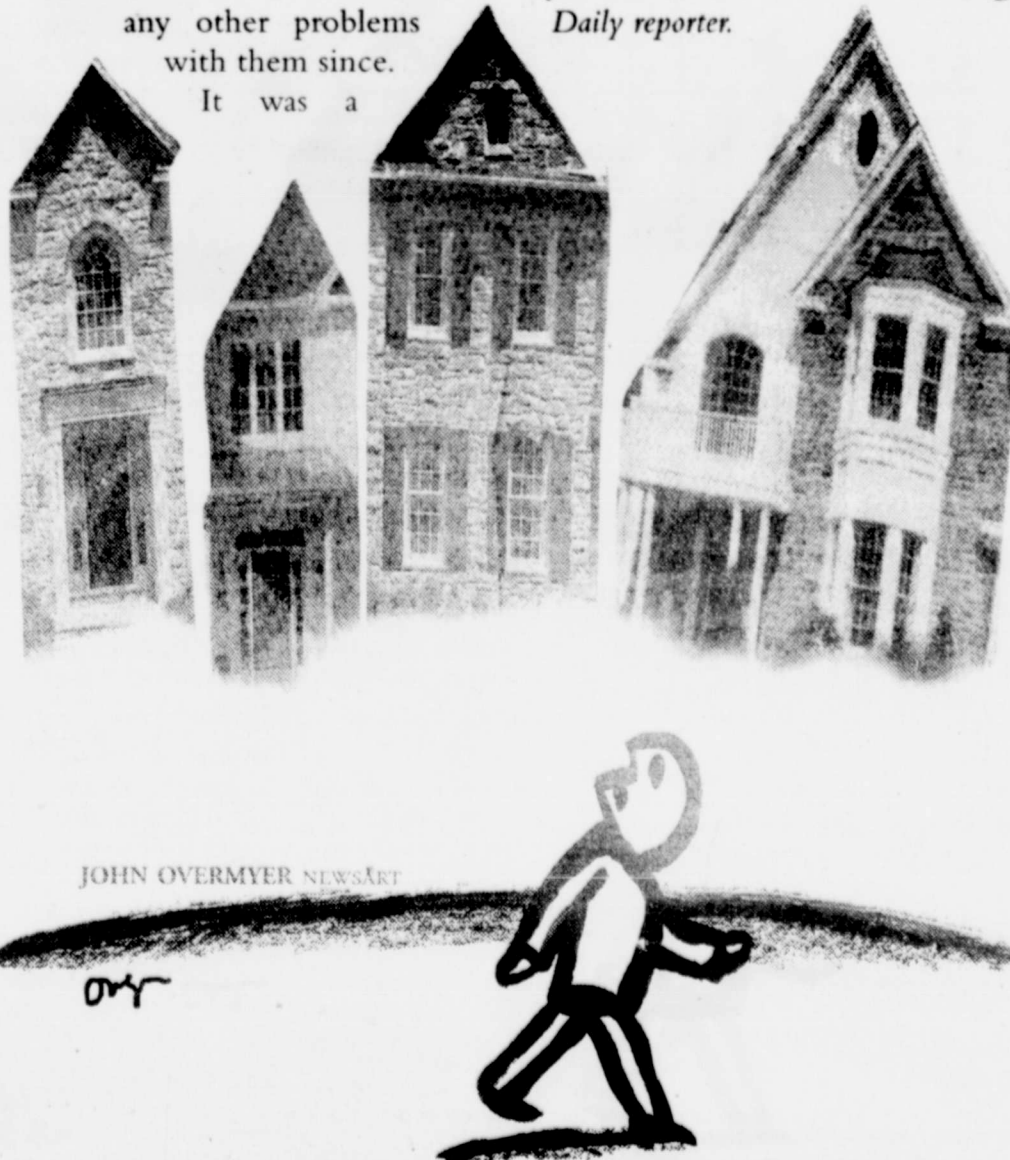
I've also found that it helps to get to know your neighbors. When I was still living off-campus, my roommate and I established a relationship with our next-door neighbor. We would help her if she was gone for the weekend and needed someone to let her dogs out or give them walks. Because of our willingness to help her, she often gave us free eggs. That's right, free food! I cannot tell you how much money she saved us with her egg thank you gifts. It was totally worth keeping our noise down all year long. At least when I lived next to her, I didn't have to deal with listening to people having sex.

To solve the problem of the amorous lovers next to me, I wrote a letter to the resident of the room. I said that I hoped the sex was good, but that if they continued to have loud sex with the window open, my boyfriend and I would get creative and make them just as uncomfortable. I haven't had

any other problems

with them since.

It was a



rather bold way to go about solving this conflict, but it was totally anonymous and my community advisor was quite happy to hear that I had taken care of the problem without involving him.

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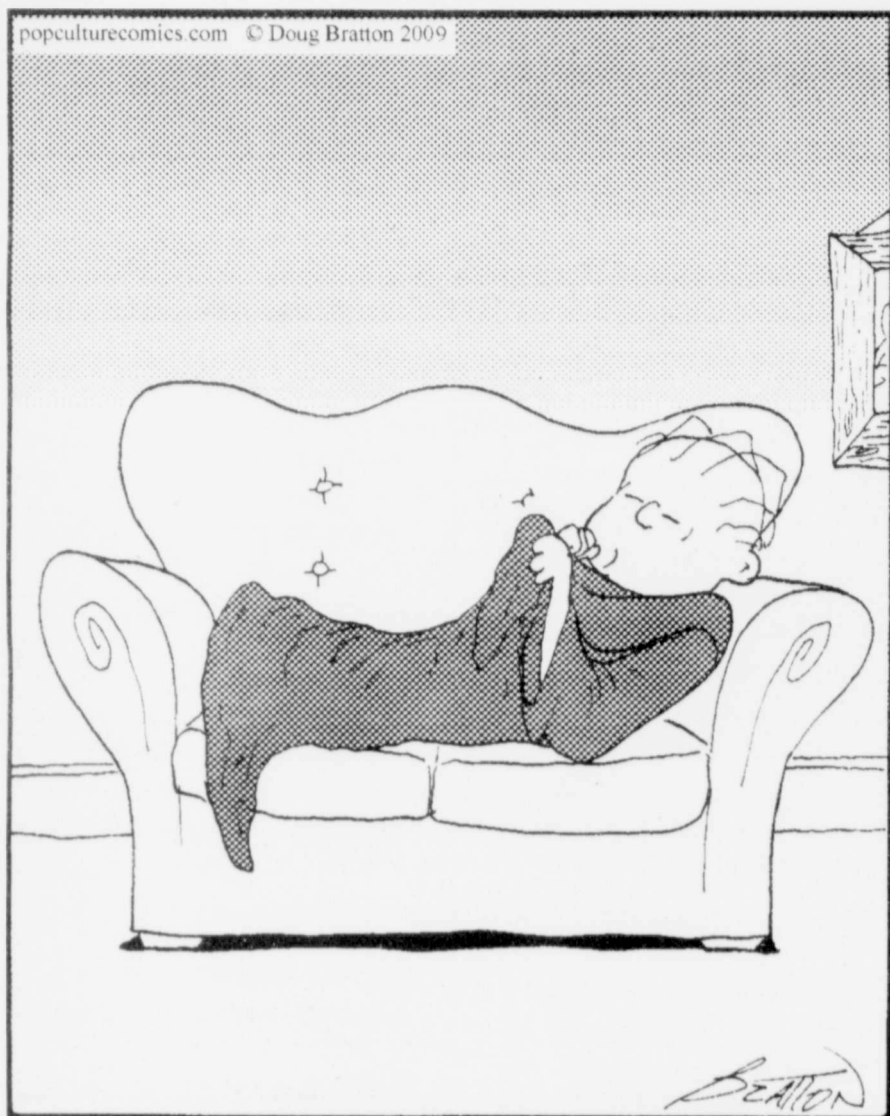
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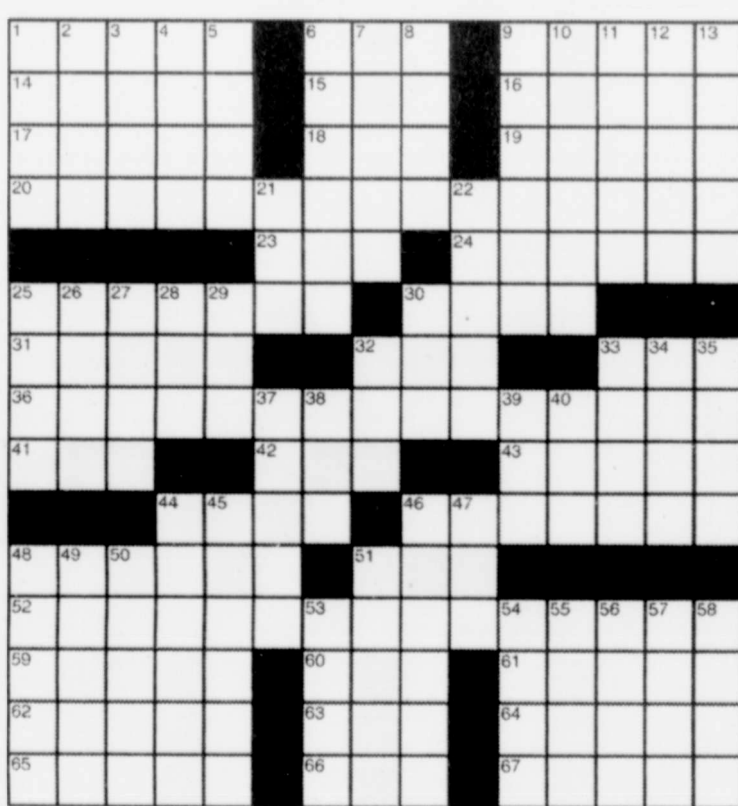
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 - 17 Attacked
 - 18 The Caribbean, for one
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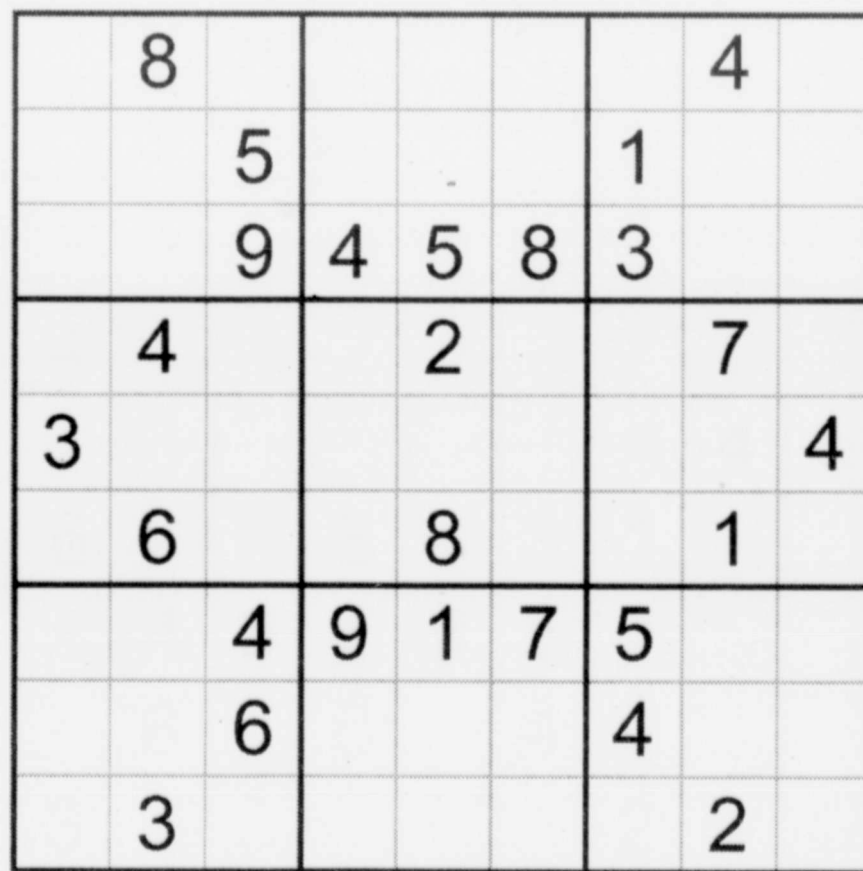
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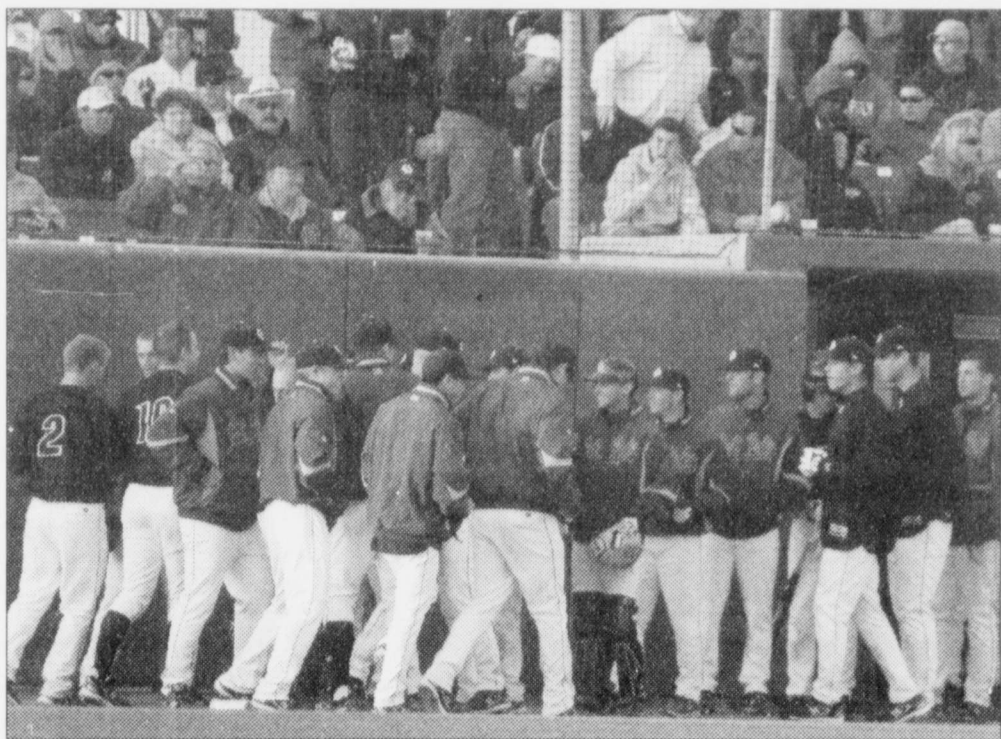
Armendariz posted a 2-0 record with three saves and a 1.62 ERA as a junior. He hit .333 with seven doubles, 17 RBI and nine stolen bases. Armendariz was named his school's freshman and sophomore Athlete of the Year, played on Area Code teams in 2008 and 2009 and was a member of the Milwaukee Brewers Scout Team as well as the Professional Baseball Scouts of Southern California All-Star team, also in 2008 and 2009. "I feel Cal Poly is a great school, has great coaches and a great baseball program," Allen said.

Jordan Brower, First Base (L/R), Newbury Park High School

Brower hit .424 as a junior with six doubles, 25 RBI and six stolen bases. A left-handed hitter, Brower also pitched for the Panthers, compiling a 5-4 record with three saves and a 2.06 ERA. He earned first-team All-Marmonte League honors last spring and helped Newbury Park to a 20-10 record. "I heard great things about the baseball program and its coaches. It's a good school in a great location," Brower said.

Taylor Chris, Left-Handed Pitcher, Gilroy High School

Recruited as a southpaw pitcher, Chris posted a 5-2 record and 1.14 ERA as a junior. The Mustangs were 16-12-1 in 2009 and Chris earned team MVP honors as a sophomore and junior and also was the program's scholar/athlete for the last three years. He is a two-time first-team All-Tri-



NICK CAMACHO MUSTANG DAILY FILE PHOTO

Cal Poly men's baseball finished 37-21 overall and received a bid to compete in the NCAA Tempe regional last year. They were knocked out after two games.

County League selection and was named a California Baseball Coaches Association Northern California All-Star last season. Chris also played in the outfield and hit .385 with 12 doubles and 27 RBI. "(I chose Cal Poly) because of its excellent baseball program and outstanding engineering program," Chris said.

Nathan Gonzalez, Right-Handed Pitcher, Saint Mary's College/ Merced College

Gonzalez already has some familiarity with the Cal Poly baseball program. As a freshman at Saint Mary's College last spring, he pitched 7 1/3 innings against the Mustangs in Baggett Stadium and allowed two earned runs and five hits with two walks and three strikeouts. Gonzalez, who will play his sophomore season at Mer-

ced College before transferring to Cal Poly, was 3-3 with a 4.78 ERA for the Gaels last spring, starting 10 games. He struck out 25 batters in 58 1/3 innings and opposing batters hit .281 against him. As a senior (2008) at Pitman High School in Turlock, Gonzalez compiled a 6-3 record and 1.01 ERA with five saves, 104 strikeouts and just 19 walks in 69 2/3 innings. His performance on the mound included six complete games and four shutouts. Gonzalez also hit .325 with 22 RBI. Twice he earned first-team All-Central California League honors.

Chris Hoo, Catcher (R/R), St. Francis High School

Hoo plays for former Cal Poly Division II All-American and assistant coach Mike Oakland at St. Francis

High School in Mountain View. As a junior, Hoo hit .315 and as a sophomore earned honorable mention All-West Catholic Athletic League honors. He has earned three varsity letters in baseball and was the team's Kyle Spraker Golden Glove Award winner last spring. Hoo has played on both the San Francisco Giants and Atlanta Braves scout teams as well as the North-South and All-Star Scout teams. St. Francis was 26-9 a year ago and finished in a three-way tie for first place in the West Catholic Athletic League.

Chase Johnson, Right-Handed Pitcher, Fallbrook High School

Despite missing several games due to injury, Johnson posted a 3-2 record and 2.94 ERA as a junior. He struck out 30 batters in 52 1/3 innings. In his sophomore season (2008), Johnson threw a no-hitter against El Camino and earned second-team All-Avocado League honors. He earned his team's Cy Young Award, was named San Diego Union Tribune Player of the Week and played on the Area Code Grey Team. Johnson also played in the Tommy Lasorda Dodgers Elite Games and is a scholar/athlete award winner. "(Cal Poly) has an excellent combina-

tion of athletics and academics while the location is great," Johnson said.

Don Medlinger, Right-Handed Pitcher, San Jose, CA (Pioneer High School/San Jose CC)

In his freshman season at San Jose City College last spring, Medlinger posted an 8-1 record and 2.37 ERA with 62 strikeouts in 83.2 innings. Opponents hit just .194 off the right-hander, who started 11 games, appeared in relief in three others and earned one complete game. Medlinger was a first-team All-Coast Conference Golden Gate Division selection as a pitcher. Medlinger was 8-5 with a 1.97 ERA as a senior in 2008 with five complete games and 77 strikeouts in 74 2/3 innings. He threw a three-hit shutout with 14 strikeouts against Piedmont Hills. Medlinger also was a shortstop in high school.

Tim Wise, Outfielder (R/R), Westlake High School

Despite injuries, Wise hit .380 with four home runs, 14 RBI and 15 stolen bases as a junior at Westlake High School last spring. He earned first-team All-Marmonte League and second-team All-Ventura County honors.

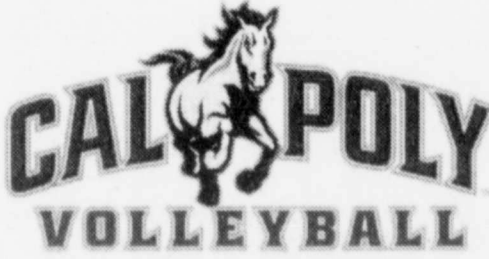
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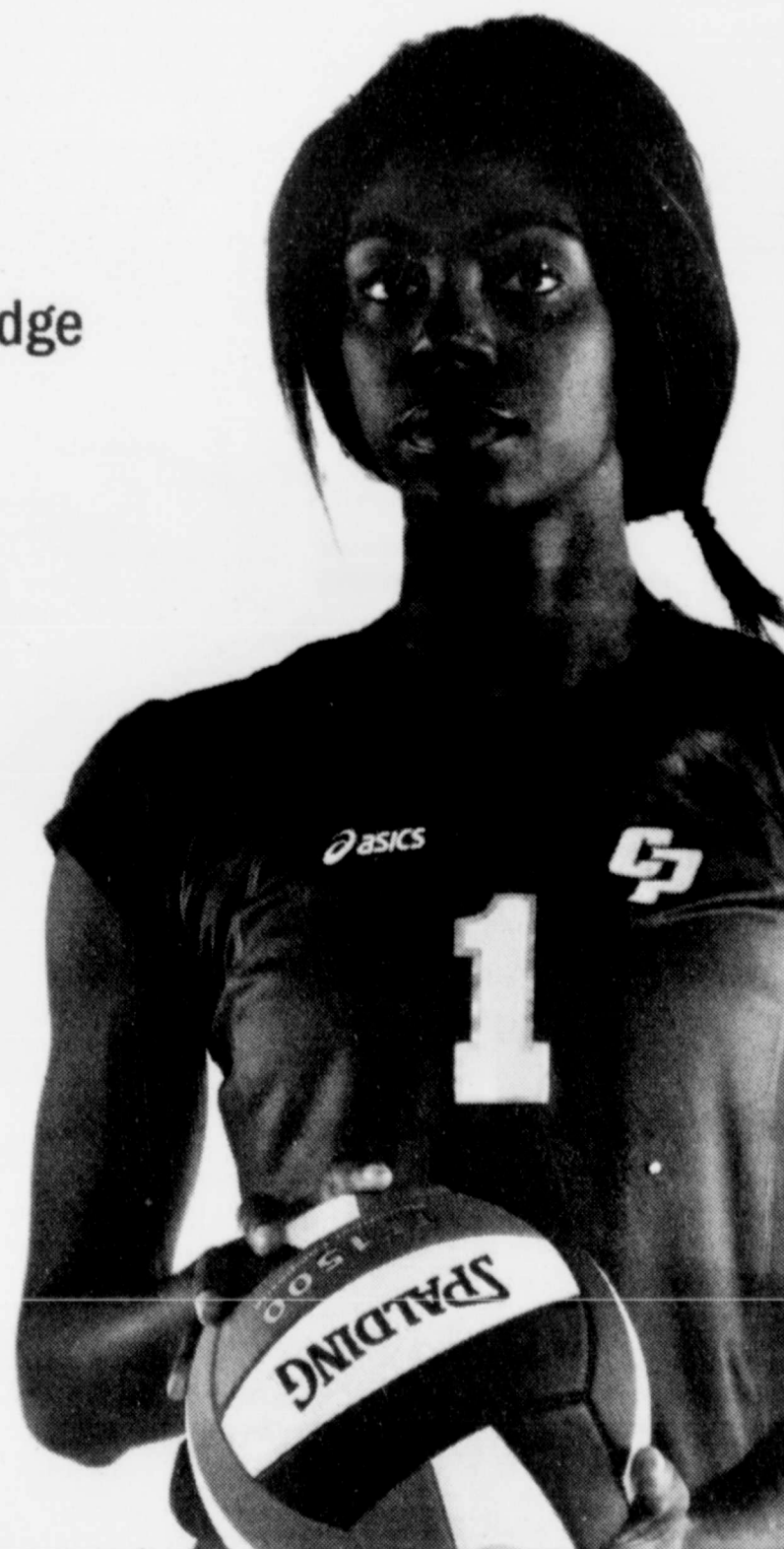
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For the love of the game: Men's club soccer

Nikol Schiller
MUSTANG DAILY

After a difficult season last year playing in the upper division of the West Coast Soccer Association, Cal Poly's men's club soccer advanced to the 16th National Campus Championship Series.

Finishing second in league this season behind the University of California, Santa Barbara is an improvement for the team after taking last place out of eight teams last fall. Last season was the first time the team played in an upper division league; aerospace engineering senior and keeper David Babka said the team wasn't used to the level of competition last year. This season the team came out knowing what to expect, he said, ultimately gaining themselves a second-place name in the league.

The men's team left for Phoenix, Ariz. on Tuesday to play in the tournament. Its first two pool-play matches are against the University of Minnesota and University of Illinois. Cal Poly's team is one of 24 in the country who qualified to play in nationals.

Babka attributed the team's success to the fact that most of them have played together since the club was founded in 2007. Eleven of the first division players have played together for three years. Industrial engineering senior and midfielder Spencer Martinez thinks this is the most successful year so far because of the team chemistry.

"The team's clicking well. The level of commitment is really high," he said.

Coach Johnny Costa said that after the team "did horrible last year," economics junior and club president Matt Joanou rallied the



COURTESY PHOTO

Men's club soccer team (5-1-2) travels to compete in the National Campus Championship Series Wednesday.

team to improve this year.

"Matt really gave us focus and gave us a purpose. If it wasn't for him we really wouldn't be going to nationals this year," Costa said.

Joanou and industrial technology senior Alex Strehl founded the club knowing the team would generate a large following but not expecting the turnout to be as great as it has been this season.

The level of dedication is high among the players. They're expected to train during Week of Welcome, pulling double days of practice. For the past seven weeks the team has trained three to four times a week and has played more

than 10 games.

"All the guys involved have put in so much time and effort to get to this point. It's an exciting time for us. This is what we build the club to do. We want to always be a national competitor, a legacy. We hope will continue for years to come at Poly," Joanou said.

He thinks the team has an advantage over other teams at nationals because of the number of club players. With nearly three players for every position on the field, the team is prepared to play possibly six games in three days.

Since the club team is not a varsity team recognized by the Cal

Poly athletics department, it has to run and fund their own team. Costa and Joanou estimate the trip will cost around \$10,000. The team's hotel rooms were paid for by an anonymous alumnus donation and the players held a movie night fundraiser to pay for tournament fees and travel expenses.

Martinez believes the amount of time players commit to keeping up the business and athletic parts of the program pays off in the end.

"We have made a lot of sacrifices for the team, but it's so worth it. The climax is here and it's definitely worth it," he said.

Larry Lee bolsters line-up

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Rolling off an NCAA Division I regional berth last year, baseball head coach Larry Lee announced Tuesday that nine recruits will pursue baseball careers at Cal Poly.

The recruiting class includes seven high school players and two community college transfers, four fielders and five pitchers.

Cal Poly finished 37-21 overall, third in the Big West Conference at 14-10 and competed in the Tempe Regional hosted by Arizona State.

The Mustangs open the 2010 campaign Feb. 19 with the opener of a three-game series against Southern California in Baggett Stadium.

"We will need a number of these players to give us an immediate impact with our program due to graduation and professional signings in 2010," Lee said in a release. "We made an effort to bring in as many quality arms on the mound as possible. We will take a big hit in the draft next spring and need to shore up that area."

The Mustangs will open the 2010 season with five players chosen in the MLB draft from last season's team. Junior Adam Buschini, a starter at five different positions for Cal Poly in 2009, was the first Mustang selected in the 2009 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft. Other departures include six others chosen in the MLB draft.

These departures leave many holes in the Mustang line-up this season, holes Lee hopes his young recruits will fill.

"Position-wise, we're hoping to get some immediate production from as many of our freshman position players as possible," Lee said. "We will also be thin in certain other areas besides pitching."

The nine recruits include:

Jimmy Allen, Infielder/Outfielder (R/R), Rancho Buena Vista High School

Allen, a middle infielder and outfielder, hit .387 as a junior with five home runs and 28 RBI. Named his team's offensive player of the year as a junior, Allen also has played two seasons on the Angels Elite Scout Team. "(Cal Poly has) great baseball and academic programs, and I love the San Luis Obispo area," Allen said.

David Armendariz, Right-Hand-

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